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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR REMOTELY  
          MONITORING WATCH INFORMATION FOR  
          MAINTENANCE OF HINGE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows: